



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Paradise – Woman Gets Year in Prison for Disaster Relief Fraud

(U) Deborah Frances Laughlin, 66, obtained more than \$77,000 in federal disaster relief funds and assistance after falsely claiming her Paradise home was destroyed in the 2018 Camp Fire was sentenced Monday to a year-and-one-day in federal prison. Court papers say that days after the Camp Fire destroyed the town of Paradise in November 2018 Laughlin applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency funds claiming her rented mobile home and belongings had been destroyed in the blaze, even though she no longer lived there.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [San Luis Obispo Times](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – California Woman Arrested at King Airport on Drug Charges

(U) Joeva Elizabeth Williams of Sacramento, California, appeared before a Magistrate Judge on Monday following her arrest on Saturday for possession with intent to distribute marijuana. After conducting a search of Williams' suitcases in secondary inspection, CBP officers discovered 37 vacuum-sealed packages containing a green, leafy substance that field-tested positive for marijuana, the release stated. The total weight of the packages was approximately 45-pounds, it said. This case is being investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [St. Thomas Source](#)

#### (U) Sacramento – California Leads the Nation in Data Breaches

(U) A new report from Forbes Advisor shows California led the nation in data breaches between 2017-2021, with 325,291 victims losing more than \$3.7 billion. Forbes used FBI data from the federal agency's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) to determine how many Americans were impacted during the five-year period, which type of breach was the most common and which resulted in the highest financial loss. The most expensive breach for Golden State residents came from compromised email accounts, which cost 14,925 victims more than \$1.18 billion. That was followed by 12,205 victims duped by online romance schemes at a cost of \$516.2 million. Other losses came in the form of investment scams (5,270 victims lost nearly \$440 million), real estate fraud (11,365 victims lost \$176.4 million) and personal data theft (31,742 victims lost \$163.4 million).

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [Pasadena Star Times](#)

#### (U) San Mateo – Modified AR-15 Found in Probe of Suspected Peninsula Gang Member

(U) A modified assault rifle and a stolen gun were seized in the search of a home of suspect already in custody, San Mateo police said. Alan Ayala, a 28-year-old Burlingame man with known gang ties, was arrested on suspicion of possession of a machine gun, possession of an assault weapon, possession of a short-barreled rifle and receiving stolen property, among other crimes, police said. Officers found a short-barreled AR rifle with a "swift link" conversion device, which coverts it to a machine gun, a loaded .45 caliber Sig Sauer 1911 handgun with 7 rounds of ammunition, another AR-15 rifle, a loaded 60 round .556 magazine, a loaded 30 round .556 magazine, and multiple items of gang paraphernalia. Later, SMPD learned the Sig Sauer was a reported stolen firearm, police said.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [Patch](#)

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**(U) South Carolina – Major Drug Operation Shows Local Fentanyl Problem**

(U) Rock Hill – Federal investigators said they have uncovered a major drug operation with drugs such as fentanyl flying into Rock Hill and Charlotte. Detectives say those in the operation ordered fentanyl from California used it to make fentanyl-laced pills. The pills were sold in Rock Hill, Greenville, Myrtle Beach, Charlotte, and in Atlanta. However, the fentanyl issue is still ongoing locally. “We’re seeing a lot of the laced pills, specifically we’re seeing a lot of [roxicodone], but really they’re lacing fentanyl in almost any substance such as Xanax and other benzos,” an addiction expert reported. “If you’re getting drugs off the street, you don’t really know what you’re getting into. We’ve had people walk in addicted to one substance and find out they test positive for fentanyl.”

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [WSOC TV](#)

**(U) Texas – Police Shoot Woman Who Fired Shots into Ceiling at Airport**

(U) Dallas – A woman allegedly fired several gunshots into the air at Dallas Love Field Airport in Texas on Monday before police shot her and took her into custody, Dallas Police said. The incident began at about 11 a.m. when a 37-year-old woman arrived at the airport and went inside near the ticket counters, Dallas Police Chief Eddie Garcia said. She went to the bathroom and then exited wearing a hoodie, pulled out a handgun and began shooting, apparently aiming at the ceiling, he said. An officer on scene shot her in a lower extremity and she was taken into custody and is in the hospital. No one else was injured, Garcia said.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [CNN](#)

**(U) Texas – Nine Human Trafficking Victims Rescued**

(U) Valley Mills – Nine suspected victims of human trafficking were rescued during a traffic stop Saturday evening. The vehicle was occupied by the driver and nine passengers who were crammed inside the car with dark tinted windows and California license plates. During the encounter, additional police assistance was requested after noticing that the passengers seemed unusually nervous and one of the passengers was determined to be a missing endangered person out of Los Angeles, California. According to experts, there are more labor trafficking victims in the world than sex trafficking victims.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [KWTX](#)

**(U) Utah – Three Killed in Gang-Related Shooting Near House Party Identified**

(U) West Jordan – Three people that were shot and killed nearby a West Jordan house party Saturday night have been identified. West Jordan Police identifies the three victims as Fayzan Ali, 18, Ayash Mohamed, 18, and Mohamed, 20. Upon arrival, officers discovered three people had been shot, one of whom was dead at the scene. The two others were taken to the hospital where they reportedly succumbed to their injuries. All three victims, one adult and two juveniles, were identified as having gang ties.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [ABC](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Australia – Highly Potent Cannabis Creating Addicts Worldwide, Study Says**

(U) Melbourne – Higher concentrations of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the psychoactive part of the cannabis plant, are causing more people to become addicted in many parts of the world, a new review of studies found. Compared with people who use lower-potency products (typically 5-to-10 milligrams per gram of THC), those who use higher-potency cannabis are more likely to experience addiction and

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mental health outcomes, according to the study published Monday in the journal Lancet Psychiatry. Scientists have established a "standard THC unit" of 5 milligrams of THC for research. That amount is said to produce a mild intoxication for nonregular users.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [CNN](#)

### **(U) Canada – Canadian Gangster and Friend Executed in Broad Daylight**

(U) Whistler – The idyllic Whistler Mountain ski community was rocked on Sunday by the brazen daylight assassination of a notorious member of Canada's Brothers Keepers Gang, and another man. A pair of gunmen fatally shot Meninder Dhaliwal, 29, whose family operates a \$16 million-per-year drug and arms trafficking group, and his friend Satindera Gill, who apparently has no crime affiliation, outside the Sundial Hotel just after noon. Video of the aftermath shows Dhaliwal, wearing a white T-shirt and shorts, face down in the hotel parking lot, in a pool of blood.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [Daily Mail](#)

### **(U) Israel – Israeli Company Candiru Allegedly Behind Cyberattacks Against Journalists**

(U) Tel Aviv – A zero-day vulnerability in Google's Chrome web browser was discovered on 1 July when it was used to target journalists in the Middle East, according to cybersecurity company Avast. Most of the attacks took place in Lebanon. "Based on the malware and TTPs used to carry out the attack, we can confidently attribute it to a secretive spyware vendor of many names, most commonly known as Candiru," Avast wrote. Also known as SAITO Tech, Candiru is an Israeli technology company that engages in cyberespionage, often for governmental clients. The company has been blacklisted by the US government for its behavior that was allegedly harmful to national security.

SOURCE: 25 July 2022, [Jerusalem Post](#)

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